

allowed for the same reasons that claim 1 of the '332 patent was allowed. Applicant is willing to provide a terminal disclaimer if required to avoid the possibility of an obviousness-type double patenting rejection being raised. Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter set forth in claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115 is patentable for the same reasons claim 1 of the '332 patent contained allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant requests the early allowance of independent claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115, as well as the claims dependent therefrom.

Independent claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115  
should be allowed.

Independent claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115 should be allowed for the same reasons claim 20 of related application 09/105,295 has now been allowed. Independent claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115 of the present application are, however, different in scope than claim 20 of the 09/105,295 application which has now been allowed. During the examination of the '295 application, claim 20 was rejected multiple times, and amendments were made to obtain the allowance of this claim. The amendments made by Applicant included the recitation of PCMCIA standard dimensions, and changes to make it clear that the plug is inserted in a direction perpendicular to the first end of the communications card. Both of these features have already been included in the present claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115. Applicant

respectfully submits that by including these features, claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115 are presently allowable.

Similar to the allowed claim 20 of the '295 application, and claim 1 of the '332 patent, claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115 define over the prior art. Aldous (US 5,183,404) contains is no suggestion or motivation to form a recess providing an electrical connection with a communications device having a thickness which complies with the PCMCIA type III thickness standard (about 10.5mm) as required by independent claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115. . Aldous also does not teach how to configure and place a receptacle on a PCMCIA communications card to accommodate a plug having a dimension substantially corresponding to the dimension of an end of the communications card onto an end of that same communications card.

Claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115 also define over Japan (1-97652). As can be seen by examination of the translation of the Japan reference (copy enclosed), the Japan reference avoids the structural problem and teaches a modem cartridge for a TV game having dimensions clearly in excess of the PCMCIA Type III standard. The device illustrated in the Japan reference clearly shows the structure which receives the RJ plus as having a thickness which is greater than the thickness of the RJ-xx plug, and the Japan reference clearly shows this thickness provides receiving structure entirely around the perimeter of the plug. No

motivation is supplied by this reference to fit recess means to receive RJ-xx type connectors onto a first end of a communications device complying with the PCMCIA Type III thickness standard. As is well know, the PCMCIA Type III thickness standard is about the same as the corresponding dimension of an RJ-xx type plug. Thus, the Japan reference is lacking any teaching to fit the claimed recess means structure onto any communications card which is PCMCIA compliant but the Japan reference also does not provide any motivation or suggestion to put any type of RJ-xx plug receptacle on the end of a PCMCIA compliant card. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that a rejection based upon the Japan reference would be improper.

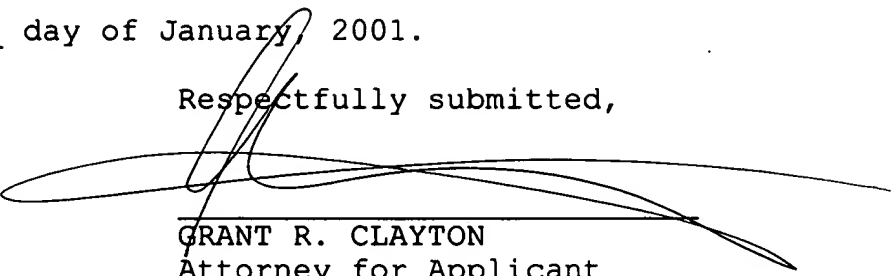
As was done in the '295 application, Applicant is willing to submit a terminal disclaimer, if necessary, to overcome any potential double patenting rejection and respectfully requests the allowance of claims 36, 41, 62, 64 72, 94 and 115 and the claims dependent therefrom.

In view of the foregoing, consideration and early allowance of all of the claims is respectfully solicited. By this Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims pending herein

present allowable subject matter. Thus, favorable action is respectfully requested.

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